12 Saturdays. 17 Gazetted holidays have been declared during 2005 out of which three occasions fall on Sundays and one occasion falls on a Saturday.

(c) Since holidays, leave entitlement, training reserve, leave reserve etc. are factored even while working out manpower requirements for any organization, the question of any financial loss due to holidays does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir. Representations continue to be received from different quarters seeking reduction in holidays and for additional holidays as well.

Reservation for physically handicapped persons

1785. SHRI K.RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to reserve 3 per cent nontechnical Group 'A' and 'B' Civil Services posts to physically handicapped persons in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the details of Group 'A' posts in the IAS opened to all three categories of disability *i.e.,* locomotors disability, hearing and visual impairment; and

(d) the details of physically handicapped people appointed in IAS for the last five years under the above categories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) A statutory provision has been made that three per cent of the vacancies shall be reserved for persons with disability in various services in the posts identified for different categories, *viz.* blindness or low vision, hearing impairment and locomotor disability/cerebral palsy. An Expert Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to identify posts for physically handicapped persons in various services. Recruitment of physically handicapped persons is to be made to the identified posts in various services through Civil Services Examinations.

(c) In the Indian Administrative Service, vacancies have been reserved for all the three categories of disability *i.e.* locomotor disability, hearing and visual impairment.

(d) Two candidates who appeared and were recommended as physically handicapped candidates by the Union Public Service Commission have been appointed to the Indian Administrative Service on the basis of the Civil Services Examination, 2002. However, based on the recommendation of the Special Medical Board, only one of the two physically handicapped candidates has been counted against physically handicapped vacancy. The other candidate has been appointed to the Indian Administrative Service against non-physically handicapped vacancy.

Raids by CBI

1786. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI conducted raids on the premises of various Government and public sector officers suspected of having disproportionate assets during 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the material evidence collected in raids;

(c) whether charges against the alleged persons have been framed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC, GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In 2004, the CBI has registered 83 cases relating to possession of disproportionate assets. Out of these, investigation has been completed in 3 cases and the remaining 80 cases are under investigation. From the 3 cases where investigation has been completed, charge sheet has been filed in 1 case and Regular Departmental Action has been recommended in 2 cases. Since, the involvement of the officials in these cases can only be established at the conclusion of the investigation, it would not be in the interest of the investigation to disclose the details of the material evidence collected.